(*f*) whether there are any parts of the Kuppam Zamindari still within the jurisdiction of the Tiruppattur District Munsif's Court as belonging to North Arcot district; and

(*g*) what is the reason for this anomaly?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) Government have called for the information.

Disposal of suits in the District Courts of Chittoor and North Arcot.

*256 Q.—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the Council table the following:—

(*a*) the number of suits and appeals pending on 1st January 1931 on the file of the District Courts of Chittoor and North Arcot;

(*b*) the number of suits and appeals pending in the Subordinate Judges' Courts of Chittoor and North Arcot on 1st January 1931;

(*c*) the nature and character of the suits and appeals referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*);

(*d*) how many of them are money or land suits or appeals;

(*e*) how many of them are batch appeals and suits;

(*f*) the number of sessions cases disposed by the Sessions Courts of Chittoor and North Arcot during 1929 and 1930; and

(*g*) how many of them were transferred to the Assistant Sessions Judge's Court of Chittoor during 1929 and 1930?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) Government have called for the information.

Criminal Justice

Convictions for wearing Gandhi caps.

*257 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons convicted in Guntur for wearing Gandhi caps;

(*b*) the number of persons that were serving their term of imprisonment on the date of the order of the High Court setting aside the order of the District Magistrate;

(*c*) the number that have since served completely their term of imprisonment;

(*d*) the number of persons convicted on this charge who have been released by Government as a result of the order of the High Court; and

(*e*) the number of persons convicted on this charge who have since appealed to the High Court.

A.—(*a*) Eight, of whom two were acquitted on appeal.

(*b*) One, the only person sentenced to imprisonment.

(*c*) One.

(*d*) None.

(*e*) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether Government have at any time tried to find out why the District Magistrate of Guntur passed that order with regard to the wearing of Gandhi caps?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The District Magistrate, according to his view of law, passed that order."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how many days after the pronouncement of the judgment of the High Court were the prisoners released ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not in a position to say the exact period. It may have been one or two days. After the judgment of the High Court all prisoners imprisoned under that order were released."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know why Government have not cancelled that order of the District Magistrate ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The High Court itself has rescinded that order, and so there was no need for the Government to take action "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" As regards the other prisoners, is it necessary that Government should take action only when they appeal ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There was only one prisoner in prison at the time of the pronouncement of the judgment of the High Court and he was released on receipt of that information."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Am I to understand that so far as the Government are concerned, that ban has not been set at naught ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As I said, there is need for doing it."

Mr. C. SATYANARAYANA CHOUDARI :—" Is it true that because the police were likely to commit breach of peace, the wearing of Gandhi cap was banned in Guntur ? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not feel inclined to answer questions put in that key."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, the hon the Law Member said that there was no need to issue orders to release prisoners imprisoned under that order. Is it because that by the time the Government came to know of that decision of the High Court all the prisoners had been released ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That is exactly what I was saying to my friend."

Mr. C. SATYANARAYANA CHOUDARI :—" May I know whom the wearing or Gandhi cap was likely to offend ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I don't know."

Fines imposed on political prisoners.

* 258 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the total amount of fines inflicted on and realized from the political prisoners up to date ?

A.—The Government have no information.